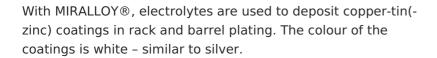




# MIRALLOY® For the Clothing Industry

# Copper-tin-(zinc) electrolytes as nickelfree alternatives

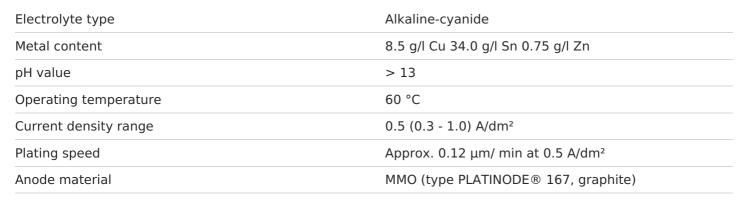
Since 1981, MIRALLOY® has been a good alternative for nickelfree coatings in the clothing industry. Today, our customers all over the world profit from more than 30 years of experience and the continuous further development of the product series.



Plated garment accessories, such as zips and metal buttons, offer a very high level of resistance to everyday wear.

A further plating layer with gold, rhodium, palladium or other precious metals, as well as tarnish protection if required, can be added problem-free by choosing a suitable process and with the right pre-treatment.





## Coating characteristics

Coating Copper-tin-zinc

Alloy composition	55 wt. % Cu 30 wt. % Sn 15 wt. % Zn
Colour of deposit	White
Brightness	Bright
Hardness	550 HV
Max. coating thickness	5 μm
Density of the coating	8.2 g/cm³

## Advantages

- · Copper-tin-(zinc) alloy coatings
- Bright white coatings (similar to silver)
- Diamagnetic
- Nickel-free (§27 of REACH, Ann. XVII, Reg. (EC) No 1907/2006, Standard 100 by OEKO-Tex®)
- Free from heavy metals like Cr, Pb, Co, Th etc.
- Resistant to tarnishing and corrosion
- Excellent layer thickness distribution
- Wide operating range
- Can be lacquered
- Can be combined with precious metals
- The coatings are RoHS compliant
- Tried and tested process by many zip manufacturers

## **Applications**

- Zip parts
- Metal buttons
- Bra fasteners
- Buckles
- Haberdashery

#### MIRALLOY® Copper-Tin-(Zinc) Electrolytes for the Clothing Industry:

- MIRALLOY® 2841 (white) for rack and barrel operation
- MIRALLOY® 2844/LC/E (white) for barrel and rack operation
- MIRALLOY® 2850 (white) for rack and barrel operation

#### **European Nickel Regulation**

In Europe 15 to 20 per cent of all women and about five percent of all men are allergic to nickel. For this reason, legislators issued the 7th change to the Consumer Goods Act; the European Nickel Act (§27, Ann. XVII, Reg. (EC) No 1907/2006): Earrings and comparable objects remaining in a wound during the healing process may not contain more than 0.5 % by weight of nickel.

Objects intended to come into direct and prolonged contact with the skin (e. g. earrings, necklaces, rings, watches, buttons etc.) were not permitted if the part of the product that would come into prolonged contact with the skin released more than  $0.5~\mu g/cm^2/week$  of nickel.

When using nickel-free plating, it must be guaranteed that the part of the product that will be in direct and prolonged contact with the skin does not release more than 0.5  $\mu g/cm^2/week$  of nickel in two years under normal circumstances.

The ECHA (European Chemical Agency) developed a scientifically supported interpretation of 'prolonged skin contact': Prolonged contact with the skin is defined as potential content between the skin and items containing nickel for more than

- 10 minutes for three or more occasions within two weeks, or
- 30 minutes for one or more occasions within two weeks.

Apart from clothing accessories, this regulation affects a number of consumer goods such as costume jewellery, craft tools, writing utensils, spectacle frames, work tools, kitchen appliances and electronic devices.

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